

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room W140 West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

January 10, 2006

Members Present: Rep. Craig Butters, Co-Chair
Sen. Scott McCoy
Rep. Brad Dee
Rep. Patrick Painter
Rep. Jackie Biskupski

Members Excused: Sen. Al Mansell, Co-Chair
Rep. Jeff Alexander

Members Absent: Sen. Dan Eastman

Staff Present: Dr. Andrea Wilko, Fiscal Analyst
Juliette M. Tennert, Fiscal Analyst
Shannon Chase, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Rep. Butters called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

Members of the committee and staff were introduced.

Dr. Wilko discussed the budgets for agencies under the jurisdiction of this committee and the reasons for holding this meeting before the beginning of the legislative session. The Process Committee voted to have a base budget bill ready for the first week of the session.

Indian Affairs

Forrest Cuch, Division of Indian Affairs, distributed a handout to committee members explaining the history, mission, and customer base of the division. He also outlined ways the division helps American Indians and the benefits derived to the state by an increase in their standard of living.

Administration

Yvette Donosso Diaz, Executive Director, Department of Community and Culture, addressed the committee. She was accompanied by Kimbal Hale who distributed a handout that discussed the mission, goals, and needs of the department. Concerns were expressed regarding the need for an additional auditor.

Division of State History

Philip Notarianni, State Historian, addressed the committee. He was assisted by Wilson Martin. Mr. Notarianni discussed the work and scope of the division and responded to questions of committee members.

State Library

Donna Jones Morris, State Library Director for the Tourism Office, presented a handout and introduced Bela Vastag. She discussed advances in the library system in recent years. Utah libraries are ranked No. 2 in the country and are unsurpassed in services to the blind. The new Pioneer Online Library data base is accessible through the internet to all schools, public and private, educators, students and their families.

Fine Arts

The committee was addressed by Margaret Hunt, Director of the Utah Arts Council, accompanied by Sandra Andrus. There was a discussion and an overview given of the mission, objectives, and goals of the Division of Fine Arts. A handout regarding a listening tour of Utah County was given to committee members. Margaret Hunt responded to questions and comments from Rep. Dee and Sen. McCoy.

Division of Community and Housing Development

Gordon Walker, Director of Community and Housing Development, presented the primary focus of the department with Kimberley Schmelling assisting him. Mr. Walker addressed the various needs of, and programs for, the homeless population in the state.

Rep. Buttars recessed the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Rep. Buttars called the meeting to order at 2:24 p.m.

Dr. Wilko spoke briefly about the Office of Tourism and Film and the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

Office of Tourism and Film

Leigh von der Esch, Managing Director, explained the development of the movie and tourism industry in Utah. The mission of the division is to market the state as a location for film and commercial

production. Slides were shown demonstrating points of her presentation. Hard copies of the slides were provided for the committee. Ms. von der Esch responded to questions from committee members.

Governor Office of Economic Development

Martin Frey, Managing Director of Business Development, addressed the committee with Jerry Oldroyd assisting him. Mr. Frey presented, through a slide show and handout, information pertaining to improving the success rate of start up companies in Utah. Jerry Oldroyd added additional comments. The issue of health care plans for small businesses was specifically discussed.

MOTION: Rep. Jackie Biskupski moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Brad Dee absent for the vote.

Rep. Buttars adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

Sen. Al Mansell, Co-Chair

Rep. Craig Buttars, Co-Chair